

# St. David's Episcopal Church

Jamaica Deanery Lenten Service

Theme: *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*

James De Koven, Priest and Teacher, 1879

Wednesday March 22, 2017 7:30 PM



The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, D.D. Diocesan Bishop

The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop

The Very Reverend Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, Rector/Dean

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*"Proclaiming good news to the poor, the blind, the captive and the oppressed"*

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The Order of Service for  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 1982

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THE LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*All remain standing as able*

***Celebrant:*** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People:*** His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE: (BCP)

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Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery.

***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

### The Confession & Absolution (BCP)

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*Celebrant:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

*Amen.*

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### KYRIE ELEISON (S 96)

Lord, have mercy

*Christ, have mercy*

Lord, have mercy

## **The Collects/Prayers**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who led your servant James De Koven to honor your presence at the altar, and constantly to point to your Christ: Grant that all ministers and stewards of your mysteries may impart to your faithful people the knowledge of your presence and the truth of your grace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## **The Readings**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING:

#### A Reading from Exodus 24:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Then God said to Moses, 'Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. <sup>2</sup>Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.' <sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.' <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' <sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

**Psalm 132:1-7 (Anglican Chant)**

*Memento, Domine*

1 LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;  
2 How he swore an oath to the LORD \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:  
3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;  
4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;  
5 Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."  
6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.  
7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

*(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**THE EPISTLE:**

**A READING from Second Timothy 2:10-15, 19**

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself. <sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. <sup>19</sup>But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his', and, 'Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness.'

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

Gradual Hymn: "To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared"

*Carolyn Gillette*

1. To what can the kingdom of God be compared?  
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,  
And there, where predictable plantings should be,  
There grows up a wild bush – as big as a tree!  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,  
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.
2. A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:  
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,  
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,  
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,  
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 13: (47-52)

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### Gradual Hymn Continued

3. While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,  
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.  
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;  
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.  
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;  
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

### THE SERMON:

REV. DONOVAN LEYS

Rector, St. Stephens Church, Jamaica

*A moment of silence is kept*

The Nicene Creed (BCP)

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Prayers of the People (BCP)

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Exchange of the Peace

### *At The Offertory*

Offertory Anthem: 'The Lord is my Light and my Salvation'

Stickles

Praise Dance: 'Wade In the Water'

Offertory Sentence:

Offertory Hymn: "*Up On a Mountaintop*"

*Carolyn Gillette*

Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,

Teaching the people who gathered around:

Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;

God's loving kingdom is changing all things.

You are the salt and you're also the light.

Flavor God's world, with your faith shining bright.

Know that I've come here, God's word to fulfill.  
Keep the commandments and follow them well.

Let go of anger, for it is a sin.  
It will destroy you, both outside and in.  
Even your thinking can lead you astray;  
Whatever tempts you, just throw it away.

**Offertory Hymn continued:**

Keep strong the bonds between husband and wife;  
Keep your commitments for all of your life.  
Don't swear by heaven or by earth below;  
Let "yes" be "yes" then, and let "no" be "no."

If any hurt you, then you may resist,  
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.  
God's way is stronger than any you face;  
Stand up and love them! And give them God's grace.

Love those who hate you and pray for them, too.  
God's mercy reaches out far beyond you.  
Seek, as God's people, God's wholeness each day  
So you can witness to God's perfect way.

**Hymn after the Offertory**

Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One:  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer "B")**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus and Benedictus (S130)**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

*the Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,

being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer: Levas 264

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive those who debtors against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

*(Celebrant and people)*

Agnus Dei (S164)

Jesus Lamb of God; Have mercy on us

Jesus bearer of our sins; Have mercy on us

Jeus Redeemer, redeemrer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Hymns during Communion:**

*'Once a woman seeking water at a well not far from home'*      *Carolyn Gillette*

1. Once a woman seeking water at a well not far from home  
Met a thirsty, waiting stranger from a people not her own.  
Would she give a drink of water and respond to human need?  
Could she know the joy and wonder she, the giver, would receive?
2. She drew water for the thirsty; Jesus offered something more:  
Living water, God's own mercy, love abundant, freely poured.  
One, a blessing for the body; one, a blessing for the soul!  
Both are gifts of our Creator – gifts that help to make us whole.
3. Still God's people carry water from their wells and mountain streams;  
Still at rivers women gather, sharing labor, sharing dreams.  
Still a cup of water given in a dry and weary place  
Is a blessing overflowing from the fountain of God's grace.
4. God, we ask your richest favor on the work we seek to do;  
May we gladly share clean water and your living water, too.  
May we see the face of Jesus, and how far your love extends,  
In the ones we call our partners – no more strangers, now our friends.

**Communion Hymn 2 (Levas) 29**

**Communion Hymn 3 (Levas) 30**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

“Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: (Hymnal 1982)

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Musical Postlude (please remain seated, quietly, thanks!)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome anyone visiting St. David's for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby). *Do visit us again.*

Please join us in the undercroft for fellowship.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Defensive Driving Class: Saturday, April 22 9am-3pm

Contact the Church Office, 718-528-2095

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; 8PM-12:30AM (*Black-Tie Gala*) @ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) For additional information Contact *Barbara Morrison* (718)712-8969 or (917)374-1062 or Church Office (718) 528-2095 (also asking for members, friends & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks! Flyers and Journal contracts are available in Narthex.

### REMAINING WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES-2017-@7:30 PM

March 29

Saint Alban the Martyr, 116-42 Farmers Blvd., St. Albans, 11412

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

Rev. Keith Voets (Priest-in-charge); Rev. Canon Terrence Lee (Preacher)

Saint Stephen's, 89-22 168th Street, Jamaica, 11432

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Rev. Donovan Leys (Rector); Rev. Kassinda Ellis (Preacher)

April 5

Grace Church, 155-24 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, 11432

*Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven.*

Rev. Darryl James (Rector) The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett (Preacher)

May 25 Ascension Day

Saint John's, 137-67 Belknap Street, Springfield Gardens, 11413

Rev. Jerrick Rayside (Priest-in-charge); Rev. Dr. Dennison Richards (Preacher)

#### JAMES DE KOVEN PRIEST (22 MAR 1879)

James de Koven was born in Connecticut in 1831, ordained to the priesthood in 1855, and promptly became a professor of Church history at Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. In 1859 he became Warden of Racine College, an Episcopal college in Racine, Wisconsin.

Nashotah House was from its inception dedicated to an increased emphasis on the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and on the use of ritual practices that recognized and honored that presence. This met opposition from other Christians who were suspicious (1) of anything that suggested Roman Catholicism, (2) of anything that seemed fancy and

pretentious, as opposed to the plain, blunt, simplicity that was considered to be an American virtue as well as a virtue of the New Testament Church, and (3) of anything that varied from the practices they had become used to as children.



Nashotah House in its early days

In the General Conventions of 1871 and 1874, de Koven became the chief spokesman for the "ritualists," defending the use of candles, incense, bowing and kneeling, and the like. He reminded his hearers of the numerous assertions by prominent Anglican theologians from the Reformation on down who had taught, and the ecclesiastical courts which when the question came up had ruled, that it is Anglican belief, shared not only with Romans but with Lutherans and Eastern Orthodox, that the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament is a real and objective presence. However, he was eloquent and firm in

saying: "The gestures and practices by which we recognize the presence of Christ do not matter. Only Christ matters."

In 1874 he was elected Bishop of Wisconsin, and in 1875 Bishop of Illinois, but because he was "controversial" he failed both times to have his election ratified by a majority of Bishops and a majority of Standing Committees of Dioceses, as required by canon law.

He died at his college in Racine, Wisconsin, on 22 March 1879.

*by James Kiefer*

### *SERMON NOTES*

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Jamaica Deanery Lenten Theme 2017 “The Beattitudes”

PEACEMAKERS WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD PERSECUTED FOR KINGDOM  
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HEAVEN  
IN SPIRIT THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH HUNGER  
BLESSED ARE...  
POOR MOURN FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE  
MERCIFUL WILL BE SHOWN PURE HEART THEY WILL BE FILLED  
MERCY PURE HEART THEY WILL BE FILLED

**The Jamaica Deanery Churches**

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